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Banks.

NOTICE.

TO ULES OF THE HONGKONG

at one time will not be received.

3. - Dopositors in the Savings! Bank having

at 5 per cent, per annum interest.

4. - Interest at the rate of 32 per cent. per

their daily balances.

ning of July.

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W. G. BRODIE, Esq.

B. LAYTON, Esq.

balance.

On Fixed Deposits :--

Hon. A. P. McEwen.

\$100 or more at their credit may

their option transfer the same to the

Hougkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-

annum will be allowed to depositors on

-Bach Depositor will b supplied gratis

with a Pass-Book which must be pre-

sented with each paymont or with-

drawal. Depositors must not make

any entries themselves in their Pass-

Books but should send them to be

written up at least twice a year, about

the beginning of January and begin-

the Bank if marked On Hongkong

Savings' Blank Business is forwarded free

by the various British Post Offices in

but the personal attendance of the

depositor or his duly appointed agent,

and the production of his Pass-Book

For the

Hongkono & Shanghai Banking

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

J. S. Moses, Esq.

N. A. SIEBS, Esq.

E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.

CORFORATION,

6 .- Correspondence as to the business of

7. - Withdrawals may be made on demand.

Hongkong, September 1, 1884.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO- \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman-Hon. John Bell Isving.

Deputy Chairman-W. H. FOBBES, Esq.

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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong,.... THOMAN JAOKSON, Esq.

MANAGEZ.

Shanghai, Ewen Camenon, Esq.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

N Current Deposit Account at the rate

of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

4 per cent. "

5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

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& Wilsh. Tikohama, LANE, CHAW.

& Co. 36. Rue Lafagette, Paris.

號一月五年八十八百八千一英

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1888.

February,

Auctions.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD

PROPERTY

TO BE SOLD IMMEDIATELY.

TIO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION

Court of Hongkong, made in a cause TAM

KWAN SHI V. YAU MI HO, No. 42 of

CHIEF JUSTICE by Mr. J. M. ARMSTRONG,

the Person appointed by the said Court,

On THURSDAY.

IN THE AFTERNOON, -

In FIVE LOTS, the very Valuable Block

and Nos. 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 and 33,

Wing Lok Street, and Nos. 31, 33, 35,

37, 39, 41, 43 and 45, Bonham Strand.

Owing to the favorable situtation of

this Property, the Owner or Owners

thereof can always count upon securing

On FRIDAY,

THE 4TH DAY OF MAY, 1888, AT 3 O'CLOCK

IN THE AFTERNOON,-

situate on Inland Lor No. 2050 in the

Portion of INLAND LOT No. 384, and

the THREE HOUSES, Nos. 14, 16

and 18. Possession Street, situate on

ing Portion of INLAND LOT No. 212B.

On SATURDAY,

IN THE AFTERNOON .--

ALFRED G. WISE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SATURDAY.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

THE AMERICAN STEAMER

SAN PABLO,

as she lies wrocked near Turnsbout

The Vessel and Cargo to be at the risk of

the Purchasers on the fall of the hammer.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THURSDAY,

the 17th May, 1888, at 4 o'Clock p.m., at

ALL THAT VALUABLE PIECE

OF GROUND,

Situate at Belchees' BAY, LAP-SAP-WAN

thereof on Belcher Street and measur-

ing thereon 200 feet, on the South side

thereof on portion of Inland Lot No.

905 and measuring thereon 200 feet,

on the East on Davies Street and mea-

suring thereon 200 feet, and on the

West on Cadogan Street and measuring

whole 40,000 square feet and registered

in the Land Office as Section A of

INLAND LOT No. 905.. Together

with the FURNACE WORK-SHOPS

and BUILDINGS thereon lately used

and occupied by the Hongkong and

MACAO GLASS MANUFACTURING COM-

PANY, as they now stand which said

Piece of Ground is held for the residue

of a term of 999 years subject to the

For further Particulars and Conditions

WOTTON & DEACON,

Solicitors,

H. N. MODY,

Auctioneer.

Victoria Buildings,

Queen's Road.

85, Queen's Road;

Annual Crown Rent of \$528.57.

Hougkong, April 24, 1888.

MALE Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1887.

SAHOR'S HOME

NY Castoff COTHING, BOOKS,

A PAPER will be thankfully received

Hongkong, April 30, 1888.

Sell by Public Auction, on

the Premises,-

One Lot.

of Sale, apply to

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,-

Board the Vessel.

hereinafter mentioned viz :-

good Tenants.

upon the respective-Premises on; the days

pursuant to a Decree of the Supreme

1878, with the Approbation of the Acting 4 p.m.

Intimations.

NOTICE

THE WONG-NEY-CHONG DAIRY & Goren, Ludgale Circus, E.C. BATES I FARM having Received by the Steamer Changsha, a supply of Much Cows SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leudenhall Street, W. M. Wills, 151, from Newcastle. Australia, is now prepared to Supply the General Public with PURE COW'S MILK (guaranteed), at 9 CENTS per Ordinary Pint, (reputed), -deliverable to order, ANYWHERE within the Colony, be-NEW YORK: -ANDREW WIND, 21. Park

Orders sent direct to WONG-NEY-CHONG. DAIRY FARM, or to the care of Mr. V. generally :- BEAN & BLACK, San Fran-AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

promptly attended to Hongkong, April 28, 1888.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOO WHARF AND GODOWN COM-PANY, LIMITED.

OTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS Funchaio, Henge & Co. Shanghai, TON and COTTON YARN at the Kow-LANE, CRAWPORD & Co., and KELLY LOON WHARVES WILL have FREE STORAGE of 3 CENTS per bale per month will be ALE & STOUT. BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, BULL DOG BRAND, CLAUSEN'S

Hougkong, November 7, 1887.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK

1 .- The business of the above Bank will

receive prompt attention. In the Event of Complaints being found necessary. Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of disporation on fixed deposit for 12 months

D. GILLIES.

LIMITED.

year 1887 has This Day been declared. WARRANTS may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 5th JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED. Hongkong, April 19, 1888.

MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

(FORMERLY APPRENTICE AND LOT-TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROCERS,) A and American patients and friends,

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

Sole Address

2. DUDDELL STREET. (Next to the New Oriental Bank.) Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

FORMOSA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.

included in the pamphlet.

CHAWFORD & Co.'s, and Messrs, KELLY WALSH, LIMITED, Hongkong; also, Mr. N MOALLE, Amoy.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co., Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths. MAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and - VOIGTLANDER'S CELEBRATED Exchange business transacted. Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan. NAUTICAL BOOKS. T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager. Hongkong, April 25, 1888.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has THIS DAY been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm. CHATER & VERNON.

Hongkong, January 15, 1888. NOTICE.

TR. GEORGE DIXWELL FEARON Was ADMITTED & PARTNER in our

Firm on the 1st January, 1888. DEACON & Co. Canton, 2nd April, 1888.

NOW PUBLISHED.

DUDDHISM: ITS HISTORICAL,

D THEORETICAL AND POPULAR ASPECTS, -ERNEST J. EITEL, PR.D., TURING.

THIRD EDITION, REVISED, WITH ADDITIONS.

LANE, ORAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, August 20, 1884.

tween 6 a.m. and 10 P.M.

ISAAC HUGHES.

Secretary.

SOTIOE.

COMPANY, LIMITED.

be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their CHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are premises in Hongkong. Business hours respectfully informed that, if upon on week-days, 10 to 3 : Saturdays, 10 their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at 2. -Sums less than \$1. or more than \$250 hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Prays Central, will depositor may deposit more than \$2,500

satisfaction.

Hougkong, August 25, 1885. CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

First INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY A-PER CENT. upon Contributions for the

DENTISTRY. FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.

Surgeon Dentist,

A T the urgent request of his European cupied by Dr. ROCKES,

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN This Article, which has been reprinted from the China Review, contains one of the best Sketches of Formosan Life yet written. A few roughly-xecuted Woodcuts are

May be had-Price \$1-at Mesers. LANE, Hongkong, March 3, 1888.

INSTRUMENTS. BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES. RITCHIE'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES. ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS,

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE. Christofle & Co.'s Electro-Plated WARR. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety. DIAMONDS

DIAMOND JEWELLERY. Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTRENS, at very moderate prices. 742

> For Sale. FOR SALE.

TULES MUMM & CHAMPAGNE, Dubos Frères & de Gernou & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS AND

WHITE WINES. Baxter's Celebrated Barley Bree WHISKY,-\$71 per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, July 18, 1884.

BALL PROGRAMMES FOR SALE. DIW SHADES AND PATTERNS.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE, 2. WYNDHAM STREET January 20, 1888.

Business Notices.

CHERRIES .- SACCONE'S HELICON, MANZANILLA and AMONTILLADO. CHOICE OLD BROWN SHERRY. OLARETS. - Côtes de Bourg, Medou, Haut Talence, St. Emilion, Margaux,

CHATEAU LAROSE and CHATEAU LAFITE. CALIFORNIA BREAKFAST CLARET and WHITE WINE. DANENBERG, at H. M. Naval Yard, will be PORTS. -CUILER, PALMER & Co.'s, and Own IMPORTATION DIRECT FROM OPORTO. BURGUNDIES .- CHAMBERTIN, CHABLIS, NUITS, MACON, MOULIN A VENT, BEAUNE and POMMARD.

HOCKS .- HOCKHEIMER and HAUT SAUTERNE, CHAMPAGNES. -AYALA & Co.'s and other Brands. BRANDIES .- Courvoisier's, Hennessy's, Exshaw's, and Liqueur Bhandy 1848 WHISKIES,-TEACHER'S HIGHLAND CREAM, DUNVILLE'S IRISH, and OLD BOURSON.

RUM. -OLD JAMAICA RED HEART. GIN .- SWAINE BOORD'S ULD TOM and VAN HOBOKEN'S GENEVA. DISCHARGING BOMBAY COT- LIQUEURS .- CHARTREUSE, CURACAO, MARASCHINO, D.O.M., NOYEAU, CHERRY BRANDY, CHERRY CORDIAL, GINGER BRANDY, and GINGER WINE. VERMOUTH .- Noilly PRAT's and Torino. for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent BITTERS .- ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S, ORANGE, CHIRETTA and BOLIVAIL.

"AMERICAN LAGER, KAISER LAGER and TUBORG'S FABRIKKER. BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE and WHITEREAD'S DRAUGHT STOUT. Hongkong, April 11, 1888.

J. MARINBURK, COLLEGE CHAMBERS,

FIRST-CLASS

EVERY DESCRIPTION AND LATEST DESIGNS. At Very Reasonable Prices.

- Hougkong, May 1, 1888.

MALL SILK HATS. DRAB FELT HATS. BLACK, BROWN, DRAB and GREY HAND FEST HATS. TERMI and other SOFT FELTS. Tween Hars and Cars in

new shapes. STRAW and PITH HATS. SILK UMBRELLAS, from \$5, over 10) to choose from. WALKING STICKS, & VOLY large assortment. WATERPROOF COATS: LEG-GINOS and CHAIR APRONS. THAVELLING RUGS & SCOTCH

OVER COATINGS, light and OVER COATINGS, Ulater

Fine Black DIAGONAL and Solid LEATHER PORTMAN-Corrected for Dress Suits. Black, Blue & Brown Fancy and Check DIAGONAL

COAITNOS. Fancy and Check Twest SUITINGS. TROUSERINGS, in a great variety of Stripes, Checks, CRICKETING FLANNELS.

Checks, Stripes & Plain. French Printed SHIRTINGS. mer UNDER VESTS and READY-MADE ULSTERS IN

OVERLAND TRUNKS, GLAD-STONE BAGS, and a variety of TRAVELLING CASES, BIL

SILK & HOSE, Black, Navy and Colours. Lamb's Wool, Merino and Listo Thread 1-Hose. White DRESS SEIRTS. Lacing & E. S. Boors and SHOES. Unshrinkable FLANNEL SHOOTING BOOTS, RUBBER

Winter, Medium and Sum- Patent Leather Boors and DANGING PUMPS, all sizes. Large Stock of SCARFS, TIES, HANDRERORIEFS, BRACES.

Hongkong, February 21, 1888 STAG HOTEL

OOPPIA D TENTE CASE CASE J. COOK, Proprietor. THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITEIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL LANDING PLACES. GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE. TIFFIN at 1 o'Clock. DINNER at 7.30. ROOM. BILLIARD VENTILATED TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS. WINES, SPIRITS AND MALT LIQUORS OF THE VERY BEST QUALITY ONLY.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. Victoria Hotel, Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c , has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Horaus in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious,

large DINING HALL. The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and SMORING ROOMS. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken. Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,

Proprietors. Hongkong, September 16, 1885.

STEAMERS.

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

W. POWELL & Co. VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Hongkong, April 5, 1889.

To Let. To Let.

TO LET. Commodious SUITE of OFFICES in the ICE HOUSE BUILDINGS. Apply to

G. C. ANDERSON,

. 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 22, 1888. TO LET, Entry, 1st May. WEST TERRACE

G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central. Hongkong, April 13, 1888.

TO LET. NTO. 6, WEST TERRACE, presently occupied by the Rev. W. JENNINGS. G. C. ANDERSON. 13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 25, 1888,

TO LET. DOOMS in 'College CHAMBERS.'

GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, lately occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, 489 from the 1st May, Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

> Hongkong, February 3, 1888. TO BE LET. SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE in RICH.

MOND TERRACE, containing & Comfortable Rooms, 3 Bath Rooms, and convenient A NEW STOREY has just been added to the Servants' Quarters. Apply to JOHN WILLMOTT,

Hongkong, April 24, 1888,

Hongkong Dispensary

THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1888, AT 3 O'CLOCK THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

of BUILDINGS, situate on MARINE LOT No. 4A, MARINE LOT No. 125A, and Section Bn of MARINE Lot No. 4, and in the best and most Central Chiness Business Portion of the City, Captain J. Newton, will be despatched for the and with frontages to three important Public Streets, viz :- Bonham Strand, above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd Wing Lok Street and Cross Street, and May, at 4 p.m. comprising Nos. 1 and 2, Cross Street,

YUEN FAT HONG, Agents. Hougkong, April 30, 1888.

In SIX LOTS, the Valuable PROPERTY, Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

> CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY. - LIMITED. FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND

> The Co.'s Steamship Chanasha. WILLIAMS, Commander, will be despatched as

Registered as INLAND LOT No. 472, The attention of Passengers is directed and situate at Bowrington between to the Superior Accommodation offered by Matheson and Percival Streets, and this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins suitable for the erection of Kerosine are situated forward of the Engines. Second Class Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is

For Freight or Passage, apply to Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained on application at the Offices of BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

> FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Captain Jackson, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 3rd of May, at 3 p.m. This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates. the 5th day of May, 1888, at Noon, at For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

FOR SHANGHAL (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates Whatever CARGO there may be on for CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, NEW. CHWANG, HANKOW and Ports on The Vessel and Cargo will be sold the YANGTSZE.)

Captain Gasson, will despatched as above or about the 3rd of May. For Freight or Passage, apply to

Agents.

TINDER instructions received from the STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS. MORTGAGEES, Mr. H. N. MODY, will The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

places on FRIDAY, 4th May, at 3 p.m. E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent. '. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 30, 1888. Hongkong, abutting on the North side

> For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong; April 26, 1888.

The Steamship C. W. PEARSON, Com'der, will be despatched for the The Property will be offered for Sale in above Port on or about the 5th Proximo.

> ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, April 20, 1888.

The Co.'s Steamship THURSDAY, the 10th May.

Shipping.

PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

Steamers.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-SAKI AND KOBE. (Passing through the INLAND SEA.) The P. & O. S. N. Co. - Steamship

places on TUESDAY, 8th May, at Day-This Steamer has most superior Accommodation for Passengers, both 1st and 2nd

Saluon, and has the Electric Light. For Freight or Passage, apply to E. L. WOODIN,

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, April 21, 1888.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL. (Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTER-DAM, LONDON, LIVERPOOL

Captain L. Voltmen will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 8th May, at 2 p.m.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI AND TRIESTE. OUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and

The Co.'s Steamsnip Berenice.

The American Ship. Pactolus. BURNHAM, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

STEAM NAVIGATION COM-PANY, LIMITED.

FROM LIVERPOOL & SINGAPORE. THE Company's S.S. Oopack, having arrived from the above Ports, Con-

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the OFFICE of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 6th May, or they will not be recognized.

notice to the contrary be given before 10

Hongkong, April 30, 1883.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. THE Steamship Glenshiel, having arrived

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS

from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the Steamship Erim, from New York are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGRONG AND KOWLOON WHALF AND Gonown Co., LD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 5th May will be subject to rent.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Agents. Hongkong, April 28, 1888.

COMPANY, LIMITED. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE. 643 THE Company's S.S. Taisang, having

> KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO. LD. at West Point; whence delivery may be Oargo remaining undelivered safter the 5th May will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

General Managers,

Hongkong, April 28, 1888.

will leave for the above

Superintendent.

The Steamship

For Freight or Passage, apply to STEMSSEN & Co.,

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, (Taking Cargo at through rates to CAIs-

Captain E. Penini, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 10th of May, at Noon. For further Particulars, regarding Freight and Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya Central.

Hongkong, April 30, 1888.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

have quick despatch.

CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

signees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong AND KOW DON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, THERED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 6th May will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

INDO-OHINA STRAM NAVIGATION

arrived from the above Ports; Conignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, April 27, 1868.

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, April 30, 1888.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

日一十月三年子戊

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Port on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd May, at

The Steamship

Capt. R. Könler, will be

FOR SWATOW, SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK. The Company's Steamer

For Freight or Passage, apply to

FOR KOBE (DIRECT.) The Steamship Esmeralda. Capt. MOTTRAM, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 3rd May, at

best part of Hollywood Road, and comprising Nos. 209 and 211, Hollywood Road, and Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, Ng Kwai Fong, also the THREE-STORIED HOUSE, No. 132, Holly-Hongkong, April 30, 1888. wood Road, situate on the Remaining

INLAND LOT No. 212c, and the Remain-MELBOURNE. THE 5TH DAY OF MAY, 1888, AT 3 O'CLOUK above on THURSDAY, the 3rd May, at In ONE LOT, a Piece of Vacant GROUND,

Godowns. The Sale Plans can be seen at the Office of Messes. Wotton & Deacon, Solicitors, and at Mr. J. M. Armstrone's, the Auccarried.

Messrs, Wotton & Deacon, Solicitors, Hongkong, of Messrs. CALDWELL & WIL-Hongkong, April 30, 1886. KINSON, Solicitors, Hongkong, of Mr. EWENS. Solicitor, Hongkong, of Mr. WEN-INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION BER, Solicitor, Hongkong, and of Mr. J. COMPANY, LIMITED. M. Armstrong, Auctioneer. Dated this 12th day of April, 1888.

Acting Registrar of the Supreme The Co. 's Steamship Taisang,THE Undersigned has received instruc I tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

> General Managers. Hongkong, April 24, 1888.

The Steamship TERMS. - Cash on the fall of the hammer.

> JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Hougkong, April 26, 1888.

> will leave for the above

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. The Steamship New Guinea. WALE, Commander, will be despatched for the thereon 200 feet, containing in the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 4th Proximo.

> FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL For Freight or Passage, apply to

Capt, Anderson, will be despatched as above on

Agents.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, FOR LONDON FIA SUEZ CANAL

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, April 30, 1888.

ADRIATIO PORTS.)

O. BACHRACH,

Sailing Vessels.

Hongkong, April 6, 1888.

a.m. To-DAY. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

The Chinese steamer Kwan, Lee reports:

Left Shanghai on the 27th April, experi-

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. MORAY, FROM GLASGOW. LIVERPOOD LONDON & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby inof formed that all Goods, are being landed at-their risk into the Godowns of the Kow-LOON WHARF & GODOW Co. At Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th May will be subject to rent at the rate of one cent per package per day. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before

the 4th May, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, April 28, 1888.

STEAMSHIP DJEMNAH.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo from London J. and Havre, ex Steamships Niemen and Manche, and from B rdeaux, ex Steam. ships President Leroy Lullier and Cambrai, FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goodswith the exception of Treasure and Valuables-are being landed and stored a their risk at the Kowloon Godowns.

whence delivery may be obtained immedistely after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignoes before 11 a.m.-To-DAY (Friday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Far-DAY, the 4th May, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cont per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before SATURDAY, the 5th May, or they will not be recognised,

No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, . Ayent,

Hongkong, April 27, 1888.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE. INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF

His Majesty King George The First,

I THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation and prepared to grant Insurances ha follows :--

Marine Department. Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Porte of India, Ohina and Australia,

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at

Infe Denartment. Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM. PANY,

ITHE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & Co.. Hongkong, July 15, 1887.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above Company, are authorized to Insuragainst FIRE at Current Rates. GILMAN & Co._

Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED). CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.

ITHE above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at Current Rates on Goods, &c. Policies granted to all parts of the World payable at any of its

WOO LIN YUEN. Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, December 2, 1887,

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CLUB. TTANTED—A LIBRARIAN. by Letter to the SECRETARY.

Hongkong, May 1, 1888. TO LET.

(Immediate Possession.)

HOUSE No. 1 'BALL'S COURT,' Bonham Road. SHOPS and ROOMS in Nos. 6, 11,

12, 13, and 14 'BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Queen's Road. TWO ROOMS, TOP FLOOR, West Side of House No. 16 'BANK BUILDINGS,' Queen's Road, now occupied by Messrs. W. HEWETT

SHOP No. 24 'BANK BUILDINGS,' Queen's Road, now occapied by Messrs. Kuhn &

HOUSE No. 31 'WEST VILLA,' Pokfulum Road

BELILIOS & Co.

Hougkong, May 1, 1888.

GERMAN BARQUE LOUISE, Capt. T F. Könne, FROM HAMBURG.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge will be once landed and atored at Consiguees' risk and expense.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE. The Steamship

Glenshiel. Captain Donaldson, will be despatched as above TO-MORKOW, the 2nd of May, at 2 p.m. This Steamor has superior Accommodation for Passengers, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

For Freight or Passago, apply to . JARRINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, May I, 1888

CCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI VIMAMOY. (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW. CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and

Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Co. 's Steamship Captain Jackson, will be desputched as-above on THURSDAY, the 3rd Instant, at Daylight For Breight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, May 1, 1888.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LAMITED.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

The Co. 's Steamship Capt. Condand, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 3rd Instant, at

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co

General Managers. Hongkong, May 1, 1888.

GLEN-LINE OF STEAM PACKETS FROM LONDON, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship tilengule having ar-1 rived from the above Ports, Consignoes of Cargo by her and by Steamship Canada from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of HONGRONG & KOWLOON WHARF GODOWN COMPANY, LD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded un-

less notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.in. To-DAY. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 8th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected,

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by and officers, and 75 Chinese. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Hongkong, May 1, 1888.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Teither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Remonsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Grew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Houghong Harbour :-ALLIE ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain

Phillips, -- Wieler & Co. CENTENNIAL, American ship, Captain M. Bearso. -- Russell & Co.

SHIPPING. ARRIVALS. .. April 30, 1888 :-Tcheran, British steamer, 1,771, J. H. penus. Seymour, Yok hama via Kobe, and Naga-

saki, Mails and General. -P. & O. S. N. Antoinette, British barque, 884, E. Th.

Bunje, New York January 5, Petroleum. --

Protos, German steamer, 1,093, C. Sörenson, Saigon April 25, Rice and Paddy. EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.

May 1:-Louise, German barque, 653, T. Köhne

Hamburg December 6, General, -- Stemsser

Prism, British steamer, 1,400, T. E. Jackson, Liverpool and Singapore April 25, General. - BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. Namoa, British str., 863, F. D. Goddard,

hinese Imperial 1884 B.....

* Equalization of Dividend Fund

To-day's Advertisements. Swatow April 30, General. Douglas Steams Had light S.W. wind and fine clear wea-

Thyra, German steamer, 664, E. A. Jacobson, Chefoo April 24, Beans,-Sigmssen &

Runna Les. Chinese str., 1,503, Knights. Shinghai April 27, General -C. M. S. N. Glengyle, British steamer, 2,214, Gasson, andon M rch 23, and Singapore April 29

General - Jardine, Matheson & Co. Oceanic British steamer, 3,808, Jno. Motealfo, Son Francisco April 7, and Yokohama 26, Mails and General, -C. & O. S.

Ningpo German steamer, 762. Schulz, Shanghai April 27; General, - Siemssen &

Kicongsang, British steamer, from Wham-

DEPARTURES. May 1 :-Normandourst, for Saudakan. Oopack, for Shanghai. Seach w, for Haillow and Pakhoi,

Heven for Whampoa.

Haiphon . for Const Ports.

Alwing, for Hollow and Pakhol.

Kiving Lee, for Whampers. Thura, for Whampon, Andreious, British frigate, for Shanghai, Heroine, British cruiser, for Shanghai. Matine, British sloop, for Shanghai. Suppliere, British craiser, for Shanghai. Swift British gunboat, for Shanghai. Bentawe s, for Singapore. Diamante, for Auny and Manila.

CLEARED. Prometheus, for Shanghai, Esperae, for Amov and Manila Triumph for Chefoo and Newchwang.

PASSENGERS. Per Teheran, for Hongkong : from Yokoharna, Mr and Mrs Powell, and 5 Chinese;

from Ko e, Messes Robinson, V. Roche, For SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANG-Sin Cheeng, Captain C. D. Sams, Messrs T. Wickendon, L. Wills, Fraser, Linklater and Hersingham; from Nagasaki, Messrs Myeno, J. Moyeno, Yero, Ishida Kofod, and 10 natives crew of steamer Zambesi From Yokohama; for Colombo, Mesars Kennedy and Logan; for London, Messrs Short and Heorick.

Per Protos, from Saigon, 40 Chinese. Por Priam, from Singapore, 200 Chinese Per Namoa, from Swatow, Capt. Hasenwinkel, and 344 Chinese. Per Kwing tec, from Shanghai, Messra

MacFarlan and Milhe, as d 149 Chinese. Per Glengyle from Singapore : for Hongkong, 160 Chinese. Fr in London: for Shan hai, Mr Bunt, Captain Hill, Mrs Gregson and family. Mrs Bremner and family, Mr Collings, and Mr and Mrs Nailor. Per Oceanie, from San F ancison, Messrs Randall H. Pye, A. G. Stokes, Miss H. E. Hartwell, Mr and Mrs Law Hee Yew, and *84 Chinese. Per Nimmo, from Shanghai, Captain C.

Reed, late Commander of the San Pable. DEPARTED.

Per Socchow, for Hollow, 40 Chinese. Per Benlavers, for Singapore, 912 Chi-Per Haiphong, for Coast Ports, 4 Euro-

peans, and 300 Chinese Per Diamante, for Amoy, 104 Chinese. and 6 children; for Manilla, Messrs Win, Harrison, W. A. Duff, James Troup, and Geo. MacFarlane, 13 Chinese, and 2 chil-

TO DEPART.

Per Arcona, for Shanghai : from Hongkong, Miss Ketharine Bates, Miss Brownlaw, Liont. - ol. A. Foez, Messrs D. Herm. son, C. Juntgen and servant. Mes rs Alfr d Harvey and C. A. Swanstrom ; from Lon-Rev. H. Sow rby's amah. Mr Holiday's amah, Mr Leigh, Mrs Leigh, Mr P. Moore, man-servant and maid-servant from Marseilles, Messrs Prell and Hogne from Brindisi, Mr Herbert; from Naples, Mr G. Frost.

Per Promethous for Shanghai, 4 Euro-Per, Ispana, for Amoy, 91 Chinese. Per Tr woigh, for Chefoo, 10 Chinese.

Per A wine, for Hollow, 80 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British bar me Antoinette reports : From New York to Sunda Straits, Apri 2nd, rough weather throughout; thence to port, much calm and light variable airs, generally from between S. and E. On-29th March spoke German barque R. N. L.T. from Liverpool, bound Singapore, 99 days out, lat. 90° 13' S., and long. 102°-30' E. The German steamer Protes reports Had fine weather, light S. E. wind and sea. The British steamer Prium reports : Had

calm and fine weather the whole way.

The British steamer Namos reports

enced heavy fog to the Brothers; thence to port, light S. W. wind and fine weather. After coming through Steep Island pass sighted steamer Ningpo, bearing N W. The British stenover Oceanic reports: Left San Francisco April 7th, at 5 p.m.

Arrived Yokohama April 24th at 9 p.m., passa p 16 days, 11 hours, had mod rate variable winds all the passage except loth. and 16th, when we encountered strong to fresh West and N. W. gale and heavy sea. Loft Yokohama on April 26th, at 6 a.m. Arrived Hongkong, on May 1st, at 3 p.m. passage 5 days, 8 hours, light variable winds and very smooth sea; from 29° North, and 127° E., to past Amoy foggy misty weather; thence to port fine weather.

The British steamer Ningpo reports; Left Shanghai on the 27th April, at 11 a.m., fine clear weather. Anchored at 2.30. p.m., outside the red buoy thick from fogs. Left again at 10 p.m., passed Tong-Ting at 9 a.m., on 28th, set in logs, which fasted all way down to the Brothe s, wind Southerly, from there to port fine clear weather and-S.E. wind. Arrived at the wharf at 3.30

FOST OFFICE NOTICES. MAILS will close:-

For SINGAPORE, -Per Duburg, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednes-

day, the 2nd May. For CHEFOO & NEWCHWANG .-Per Triam, h. at 11.30 a.m., on Wednes- Thursday, May 17 :day the 2nd inst.

For SHANGHAL .-Per Frisia, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Fer Amon, at 3.30 p.m., on Wednesday,

the 2nd May. For YOKOHAMA & KOBE .-Per Glenshiel, at 1.30 on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., instead of as pre-

viously notified. KOK.— Per Talchiow, at 3 30 p.m., on Wednes-

day, the 2nd May, For PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY & MEL-BOURNE. -Per hangsha, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the 2nd May.

For HAIPHONG .-Per Frejr. at 5.p m., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., instead of as previously inosified,

For KOBE .-Per Esmeralda, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday the 2nd inst. For STRAITS & CALCUTTA .-

Per, Talsa y, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 3rd May, For STRAITS & BOMBAY .-Per Lombardy, at 2.30 p.m., on Friday,

the 4th inst. For SAIGON .-Per Septimu, at 3.30 p.m.; on Friday, the

Per Pretos, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the For NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA Per Hydrispes, at 5 p.m., on Monday, For SINGAPORE -

Per Iphi genia, at 1.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 8th May. The following hours will be observed in closing the ENGLISH MAIL per Teheran on SATURDAY, the 5th Instant. The Money

Order Office will be closed at 5 the day 8.00 A.M. -Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases. (Prices Current and Circulars ma

however be posted up to 10 o'clock if they are tied in bundles, country by country, with the addresses all one way). 10.00 A.M .- Registry ceases. 10.30 A.M. -Posting of Newspapers Books, and Patterns coases.

11.00 A.M. -Mail closes. TO LATE LATTERS may be posted (from 11.10 A.M.) with 10 cents late fee up to 11.30 A.M., after which hour they may be sent on Board with the same Late

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACRET .--The German Contract Packet Bayern will be despatched on WEDNESDAY,

the 9th day, with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, dio., dec. Registry coases at 2 P.M.

The Mail closes at 3 r.m. Late Letters till 3.30 P. M. with 10 cents extra postage. Correspondence should be marked FER GERMAN MAIL, or with the name of the

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. ther throughout, sea smooth. In Swatow, Shipping. steamers Neuchidang, Yiksang and Formusa.

> 2 p.m. - Glenshiel leaves for Yokohama and Kobe. 3 p.m. -P. M. S. S. Co. 's Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco. 4 p.m .- Taichiow Toares for Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok.

General Memoranda.

4 p.m .- Amoy leaves for Shanghai,

fürsday, May 3:-3 p.m.-Auction of Valuable Buildings. Goods per Propoutis undelivered after this date subject to rent. RIDAY, May 4:-

Goods per Steamer Diemnah unclaimed after Noon subject to rent. Goods per Moray undelivered after this date subject to rent. 3 p.m. - Auction of Valuable Property. 9 p.m.-Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

ATURDAY. May 5:-Noon. -- Auction of American Steamer San Pablo. 3 p.m.—Auction of Piece of Vacant Ground

Goods per Taisang undelivered after

this date subject to rent. Goods per Glenshiel unlielivered after this date subject to rent. SUNDAY, May 6 :-Goods per Oopack undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

Tuesnay, May 8 :-

date subject to rent. THE shore coolies and cargo-boat men are 4 p.m. - Austion of Piece of Ground with

Furnace Work shors and Buildings.

NOTICE.

WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

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Om Omna Itlan.

HONGKONG, TÜESDAY, MAY 1, 1888, TELEGRAMS.

(For the ' Free Press.') THE DUTY ON BOTTLED WINE. London, 24th April. -Mr G.adstone gave

oppose the duty on bottled wine. The French Government threatens to most of the lots were sold for less than their withdraw the most favoured nation treatment should this tax be passed.

THE QUEEN AND THE EMPEROR

OF AUSTRIA. Har Majesty and the Emperor of Austria EMPEROR FREDERICK'S HEALTH. Berlin, 24th April.-The Emperor continues to improve.

DESPERATE FIGHTING BETWEEN

GREEKS AND TURKS. Constantinople, 24th April.-Desperate fighting has taken place between the Turks and Greeks at Canca; so far the latter have the best of it, having killed and mutilated five hundred Turks.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL OUTWARD BOUND :- Delcomun. March 2 Altmore, 6; Port Adelaile, 13; Principia, 16; Northern, 27; Yorkshire. April 3; Metapedia, 6; Antenor, Albany, 10; Cyclops. Devoushire, Nester. Gleneagles, Monmouthshire, 13; Sindle, Weurdale; 17; Laertes, Neckar, Ghazee. 24; Bellerophan, Gl. norchy, Melpomene,

HOMEWARD BOUND :- Glenearn, March 13 Jacob Christensen, April 13; Glaucus, Glenroy, Clyde, 17; Cardiganshire, Niobe, 24.

The Canadian Pacific Line steamer Balavic

will leave Shanghai on the 2nd May,

steamship Berenice, from Trieste, left

Singapore for this port on the 28th

April, and may be expected here on or

at 2 p.m., for Hongkong. The steamship New Guinea left Singapore on the 26th April, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd May. The Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's S. N. Co.'s

about the 4th May. The D. D. R. steamship Lydia, from Hamburg, left Singspore on the 1st May, and may be expected here on or about the 7th May. The P. & O. steamer Khiva left Bombay

D. D. R. steamer Lydia left Singapore for this port at noon to-day.

for Hongkong on the 21st April.

On the 4th page will be found a part of the

news brought on by the last English mail.

MESSES Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the Canadian Pacific s. s. Butavia will leave Shanghai to-morrow, the 2nd May, at 2 p.m., for this port. THE fleet, consisting of the Andacious, plans of the ground been exhibited at the

Heroine, Mutine, Sapphire and Swift, left Land Office, much higher prices would have here to-day for the North. The Heroine been got for the ground than \$3.68 per will, we believe, call at Formosa porte.

line is, we observe, now to run on the Canadian Pacific route. She leaves here this

day week for Japan and Vancouver.

for immediate delivery, the sorting could from the Central School, and one from the not be done; and the result was that re- Diecesan School. sidents had to wait nearly two hours longer for their letters and papers. It is but seldom these arrangements fail, and their occasional break-down shows how great boon the sorting system is to the com-Goods per Glougule undelivered after this munity.

> now as busy as bees, and it would seem that they are endeavouring to make as much honey as they can during the spurt of work which has now to be got through. In this matter of charges, it may not be generally known that the merchants of this Colony have a substantial grievance against the cargo-boats. A tariff has been laid down by law, but from some reason or other that tariff is more honoured in the breach than the observance. Of course this is merely a branch of the huge and many-sided system of overbearing conduct and exerbitant charges maintained by the various combinations of Chinese throughout the Colony. For the present, as we have said, a good deal of arrears of work have to be made up in the matter of moving cargo; and while this pressure lasts, and the coolies are fully employed, it is natural that prices should go to a premium. But that a merchant should now have to pay 50 or 75 per cent, more than he did formerly, is carrying the defiance of a fixed tariff a little too 351 far. When the final adjustment of offairs comes to be made between employers and employed, this matter of a tariff being adhered to in accordance, with law ought to be seriously and effectively dealt with.

SIXTEEN lots of Crown land, at the back of St. Stephen's Church and on either side of the new street being opened up from Fung Mo street to Queen's Road, were offered for sale yesterday afternoon, the upset price being \$3 per square foot. There was a rather poor attendance of bidders. The advertisement gave no indication of where in the Western district the lots were notice that at the Committee stage he will to be sold, and few seem to have been attracted by it. The consequence was that value, and six on the left hand side of the hew street (starting from Queen's Road corner lot on that side, however, was pretty keenly bid for, falling eventually to the had a most cordial interview at Innabruck. Hon, C. P. Chater for \$3,200, or about \$3.68 per square foot. Eight of the lots on the other side of the street were also knocked down to Mr Chater, five of them without competition at \$10 above the upset price, one at \$30, and another at \$50 above the upset price, while for the last he paid \$500 advance, or \$3.55 per square foot. The largest lot of all, No. 12, of which the upset price was \$3,480, was left unsold.

out any further detail as to locality, appears to have misled many natives who usually take an interest in land sales, and invest landed estate. As a matter of fact, the locality of Sai-ying-pun can scarcely be said fitly to describe the scune of the land sale of yesterday. It looks as if it were in the district of Taipingshan, and is in fact one of the most central positions in the Chinese quarter, being as it is between Possession Point and the Tung-Wah Hospital. A sug gestion was made some time ago in these columns, to the effect that it would be advantage to residents were a plan for each Land Sale deposited at the Land Office, or even posted up at the door of that public department. Those residents interested in land could thus obtain every piece of information they desired in the easiest and old, the P. & O. Company had a complete most convenient form ; and the Government, we doubt not, would secure a higher | rate paid per ton was something to make price for the ground so put up to auction We understand that it is not a particularly easy matter to get a sight of the plans of such land sales at the office of the Public Works Department, especially if the applicant be a Chinaman. Doubtless there to eighteen days, as we have said, twentyare many other things claiming attention at the Surveyor General's offices, and it is reduced from twelve to six days, and therenot surprising that Chinese hesitate to go fore we repeat it is about time that the there. Besides, it is a considerable distance out of the way of traffic. A central to about a fortnight. But the favour and position like the Land Office MESSES Siemssen & Co. inform us that the Supreme Court would meet the difficulty perfectly, and we have no doubt that any which still fill up the interval. For infacility of this kind would amply repay the trouble necessary in putting this convenience in the way of the public.

cannot help thinking that had the lots put up

yesterday been described as near Possession

Point-where the fung-shul, we under-

stand, is regarded as very favourable-and

THE s. s. Zambesi, lately of the P. & O. INFORMATION has been received here with regard to the result of the Cambridge Local examinations. Of the 20 Junior candidates who were examined at this centre at Christin a last the following succeeded in satisfy-THE advantages of the Marine-sorting ing the examiners :- A. Housein, Wong Fan, system so thoroughly well worked out by F. Southey, R. F. Lammert, T. Singh: the Postmaster General of late years in Of the candidates over ago who took the connection with the English Mail steamers, junior papers Ho Man, Ying and Wan were clearly illustrated by way of contrast | Tsung Iu succeeded in satisfying the examyesterday afternoon. When the P. & O. liners. No Senior candidate was successful. steamer was signalled at about a quarter to There was only one candidate from the three pim. yesterday, and it was at once Diocesan Home, and he passed in all the apparent that the Ancona had made the run subjects he took up. The following satisfied from Singapore in two hours less than in Preliminary Religious Knowledge and five days-which is good work for this English subjects only :- F. Lammort, F. class of steamer-residents generally looked Horspool, and A. Wallace. These results to have their mails in their possession by 4 show a marked improvement on last year's. o'clock. Owing, however, to the illness of Then only one from the Public School and the Marine Sorter on board, whose duty it two from the Central School passed. Now was to sort the mails and make them ready we have five from the Public School, four

> in Official Proclimation has been issued in Peking, thanks again to Baron von Kettler's spirited practical action, warning dealers in strawbraid for export against continuing the ma practices that have brought the trade into discredit and have done so much injury to he foreign merchants, who have been wronged by improper mixture, bad conditun, short lengths, &c.

> WE (Chinese Times) regret to learn from Port Arthur that a leakage has taken place through or under the coffer dam of the steam basin, which has proved too much for the pumping machinery to cope with, and there are said to be five feet of water now on the floor of the basin. This accident will probably somewhat delay the completion of the works, which otherwise were reported to be progressing rapidly.

> THE London & China Express says :-- We have no advice as yet of the Korean Envoy to the United States having been received by either the Foreign Secretary or the President. Meanwhile, the other Envoy for Europe must be coming overland through Russia, as he has not arrived by any of the mails, v & France or Italy. Possibly this route is chosen, as he is more likely to obtain a reception in St. Petersburg than at either London, Paris, or Berlin, to which Courts he is likewise nocredited. Korea is believed in this matter to have been instigated by Russia.

THE railway and coal whorf at Tang-ku, this side of Taku, and on the north bank of the Peiho, is now occasionally visited, says the Chinese Times, by steamers and sailing vessels. The wharf has deep water alongside, and good accommodation for mooring, discharging, and leading vessels. The place will soon become very important, as when the railway is complete, as it no doubt will be in early autumn, the latest steamers of the season will load and unload there. December last the Teresa discharged pieces of ironwork upon the wharf weighing nearly ten tons each.

A RUMOUR is now circulating to the effect that an English resident of Yokohama is in co-operation with some native merchants in Tokio, projecting to establish an iron factory for the purpose of imporing unmanufactured iron from abroad and manufacturing it, and that the engineers have already arrived here from England. The capital of the factory is stated to be 4,000,000 or 8,000,000 yen, about the half of which will be at first used so as to increase the capital gradually. For the President of the factory, it is said that a late Secretary in the Agricu tural and Commercial Department, who is not now an official, will be elected. -- Bukka Shimvo. THE Pall Mail Budget of 20th March says :

-In-his-farewell-speech at New York on end) did not even find bidders. The Saturday Mr Irving neglected the adage, 'Let sleeping dogs lie.' It was rash to suggest an importation duty on foreign actors, for who knows but that, once mooted, the idea may ultimately prove too attractive to be resisted? If an ad valorem tax on talent were levied, said Mr. Irving, our anxiety to pay as little as possible might be brought into painful collision with our self-esteem. But, from the point of view of revenue, the great advantage of the tax would be that each netor would get himself rated as high as possible with a view to advertising the assessment. The American fi-cal authorities might do worse than consider the idea. There may be 'millions The description of 'Sai-ying-pun,' with-

THE Ceylon Observer says :- The present

voyage of the P. & O. steamer Britannia

decidedly beats the record. She has made the shortest run across from Aden we sup-

pose that has ever been known; but still

more, she has delivered a London mail in

Colombo as nearly as possible in fifteen days, allowing for the difference in time, This is absolutely unprecedented. It indicates a most striking and satisfactory advance on the average of from 18 to 21 days to which we have been accustomed fo so many years. But it is certainly not before time that this grand advance has been made on our Eastern lines. When we reflect that the P. & O. steamer Simia, (by which the writer voyaged from Suez in 1861.) was accustomed regularly to deliver the London mail, in those days ria Marseitles, in twenty, nineteen and even eighteen days, it does not say much for progress when-until the Britannia and her consorts appeared—for twenty-seven years, no improvement on that rate has been made. Of course, in the days of monopoly of the overland route; no heavy cargo was carried; for light freight, the steam-owners in the present day stare; the sudsidy was a noble one, and the passage rate £100 and apwards per head, was in keeping. As a consequence coal was burnt ad libitum and the powerful well-built Simla, at least, did justice to the Company and so brought the mail time down seven years ago. Now, during this period. the voyage across the Atlantic has been transit of the 'overland' mail between London, and Colombo should be reduced or the privilege now occasionally bestowed on the public, is certain to create dissatisfaction with the easy-going old-world arrangements stance, we may now expect an interval of eleven to twelve days before the next weekly mail arrives, and after that we shall have one or two of the ordinary P. & O. mails in 18-19 days, until the Oceana comes on about a month hence with another delivery, let us hope, in fifteen days. How. ever, we ought not to grumble. Reading letters yesterday morning only fifteen days old from London, the answers sent away to-day by the M. M. S. Iraquaddy ought to be in London by the oth or 6th May, so making the round out and home for the mail one of 36 to 37 days, and we may hope

erelong to see this reduced to thirty days.

SHARE LIST. -QUOTATIONS. MAY 1, 1888. POSITION PER LAST REPORT. Last Dividera Williams, Applications. up, - - timeser. Balancec, f'ward 20,903.51 at 30/ for ½ year \$155 % prem. working a/c to Dec. 31/87 \$155 % prem. Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 160, Oct \$ North-China Insurance Co., Ld..... 5,000 E Yangtsze Insurance Company, Ld... 8,000; 3,059.707 % for 1886 T .. 108, sellers 50,00 TL. Union Insurance Society Co., Ld. ... 10,000's 675,00 8 314,012,95/26 %, 1886 China Tradors' Insurance Co., Ld., 24,000 5 245,240 04 20 % P annum 68, sellers Canton Insurance Office Co., Ld..... 10,000 429.3.7.96110 % for 1887...74 Chmesa Insurance Co., Limited 125,771.29 8 % for 1886 1:180, nom. 28, 11 17 8 Hongkong Fire theurance Co., Ld... 8,000 r 1.031.486252 2:3 3 | S. 9.80 tor 'r 6 \$3221, sales hina Fire Insurance Co., Ld.,.... 20,000 31,971.97 \$ 6 for 1806 \$74, sellers 650,000 Singapore Insurance Company, Ld. 40,000 \$ 17.00a4 . The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ld. 20,0 US 79,432.525 A for 1886 \$18. ex div. 705 The Straits Insurance Co., Ld......30,000 \$ 1008 200,000|8 STEAMBOAT COMPANIES. HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., LJ. 40,000 8 Douglas Steamship Co., Limited 20,000 \$ all 127,320|8 115 . 13 8 % indo-Uhina S. N. Company, Limiter 18, 387 2 4,387.5.95 % for 1896/7 121 % dis., sales £ 1 China and Manila S. S. Co., Ld. 3,500 \$ MISCELLANEOUS. H'kong & Whampos Dock Co., Ld. 12,500 ; 1,901.32 101 % for '87.31 % prem. HK. and China Gas Co., Limited. 1 5, 100 £ 1,527.3.11 10 % and 2 % \$130 per share buyers, fully New Shares] 1,900 £ 11 E 7. Hongkong Hotel Company, Lt.... 678.94 55 half year \$160 3,000 paid up 3,000 sha. issued 13,781.53 6 % for ½ year \$148 to June 30/87 Ohina Sugar Company, Limited 15,000 Hongkong Ice Company, Limited ... 37 500 8 429.t0 16 % for 1887 66 Hongkong Cakery Company, Ld. G.OO 514.00 1 % for 1880 205 nominal Luzon Sugar Company, Limited 7,000 \$ -Ite all 129,303.18 None sellers Perak Sugar Cultivation Co..... Tis. 18 11: sellers Perak Tin Mining & S'ting Co. 5,0018 Punjom & Sunghie Dua Samatan } Mining Co. None sales HK. & Kow. Wharf & Godown Co. 17,000 8 None H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ld. 3,00 8 50 al None A. S. Watson & Co., Limited..... 100 all HK. High-Level Tramways Co., Ld. 1,2503 100 8 50 % prem, nominal Société Française de Charbonnages 8,000 Fcs. 5.0 Fs. 569 35 % prem., buyers Payable

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will be remembered that the French Syn- Transit Dues, and 'Enforced.' As we them. dicate were ordered by H. E. the Viceroy have proviously stated, the vessels are for to construct at Peking two iron bridges, the purposes of guarding the revenue axisone at Hsi-ku and the other at a point ing out of the Salisbury-Tseng agreement across the river just below H.E.'s Yamen, of July, 1885, ralating to opium. The first one was completed last year and | yessels are named in commenceration of was formally opened by the Vicercy before this 'additional article' of the Chefoo midnight. The two quartermasters at the the ship struck on a smaken rock a dire- I happen to know that it Prince Bismarck resigns Count Her was mic at the entrance by King Humbert. he went to Passing Fu for the winter. The | Convention of 1876. other one, although finished some time ago, was not opened until yesterday, when His Excellency, accompained by all the principal officers of the city; went over the bridge, inspecting all its different parts, and making a thorough examination of its entire structure. He ordered five of the largest carts, loaded with several thousand catties of stones, to traverse it, and it was found that the wood-work creaked and shook under the heavy woi ht. The Vicercy considered that this indicated the unsubstantial character of the timber used; he. therefore, ordered the builders to have the planks removed and to substitute more solid timber in their stead, an order which was acquiesced in.

The Hamburg correspondent of the London & China Express Bays :- The weather at last has changed for the better, and since the 24th inst. has become springlike and all over Germany. This sudden change, however, has caused such a rapid melting of the immense masses of snow it the interior that enormous inundations are reported from all sides, and already a committee has been formed here at Hamburg for collecting funds to support the suffering inhabitants. At Doemitz, in Mecklenburk, the Elbe river has broken the dikes, and has inundated the country, and formed a large lake. The village of Doemitz is completely under water, and the inhabitants are in imminent danger. The ice in the river is rapidly disappooring, and, as sailing vessels, even wooden ones, can come up again without danger, the trade on the river during the last few days has been large. Our communication with the Far East comprises the following vessels :--Mount Carmel, Livingston, from Calcutta Renfreto, s. s., Evans, from Rangoon; Chelydra, s.s., Peace, from Bungkok; and Lydia, s.s., Petersen, for Yokobama. Of vessule on the borth we can name :- Adolph Mener and John M'Lead, both for Hong Kong ; Niobe, s.s., and Bellona, s.s (Wingsin Liners), for their usual route up to Japan Balourys Custle, s.s., Cambodia, s.s. Guy Mannering, 8.8., Meriouethshire, 8.8., Delibighshire, s.s., Cormarthenshire, s.s., at for Penang, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Japan ; Johannes Brun, s. s. , Ingraban s.s. , Doris, 8.8., and Else, 8.8., all for Wladiwostock and the Amoor. From Altona the Princess Beatrier, Cordes; has left for Nicolajewsk.

evidence of that supreme apprehension of tale they were still putting it to port. an interview we had some years ugo with to let go the anchor. It was about at the head of Jewish finance in Europe, board that I gave the second officer the amounting to envy of Mr Goschen's genius let go at once, but the ship dragge cier's appreciation of Mr Goschen's abili- water in the forward compartment. The ties. Mr Goschen brings to the ro- water was confined almost entirely to thi Exchequer a business training combined round and that the ship was resting on with an intellectual grasp and culture. rock about ten feet under her fore-foot. attention to even the smallest details, afternoon the ship floated off without assist which are exhibited in his Budget, are not lance. I consider the accident entirely attri and regulating his issue of Treasury Bills Government. Some of the minor details quality, but it is essentially distinguishable sesses in a remarkable degree.

Chinese Revenue Chuisers. -On the 22nd | was the other one whom I thought had been March Mr J. Dancan Campbell, C.M.G., smoking opium. Commissioner of Chinese Customs, and re- Capt, Rumsey-If you had any doubt presentative of Sir Robert Hart, K.C.M.G., about the capabilities of these quarter. Inspector-General of Chinese Custons, took | masters it would have been well to have had over officially three Revenue craisers, a European officer stationed at the wheel, into the water. M. Nicholl, of the firm of which have been built by Sir W. G. Arm- | don't you think strong. Mitchell, and Co., Newcastle, under I his direction, for the Customs Service of | standing by where he could see the wheel the Imperial Chinese Government; and The helm was never really put to starboard Fung-Yee, Secretary of the Chinese in at all The second officer was putting it to London, represented his Excellency the starboard when she struck. Chinese Minister at the hoisting of the Chinese flag under a salute of twenty-one guns | noll whereabout in Sulphur Channel he was from each cruiser. The vessels in question | when he first gave the order to starboard. type the Chuen-Tiao, of 700 tons, and Li-Kin, and Kai-Pan, each of 500 tons, and, of the Green Island Light, and in midwith the exception of a small difference in channel their size, the vessels in ge eral appearance are precisely the same. They are formidable looking little vessels, smartly rigged as to make out orders. three-master schooners, and have full poops, tongallant forecastles, and hurricano decks, was on the port side of the wheel is in the amidahips, under which erections (as habit of smoking opium. well in the 'tween decks, both before and abaft the machinery space) are provided tou, said-I hold a master's certificate. On most airy and comfortable cabins and ac- the night the ship went ashore I was on the commodation for the officers and crow. bridge. I was standing by the telegraph. The vessels are built to the highest class Coming up the Sulphur Channel the ship at L ovd's, and all their arrangements are | was going about seven knots, the speed made of the most complete character to fit having been reduced. An order to port them for their intended service. - Each | had been given as I got on the bridge. As vessel is fitted with two 20-pounder breech- the ship was coming round nuder port helm loading Armstrong guns and two rapid-fire | the Captain gave an order to put the helm Hotchkiss guns, the guns being so disposed to starboard. I can't say how the helm as to fire on either beam, and also right | was at that time. After the order to starahead and astern. The vessels are fitted board was given the order hard a starboard with triple expansion engines, manufact was given. It had no effect on the ship's tured by the Wallsend Slipway and Engi- head, which was still coming to starboard. neering Company, capable of propelling I then went down to the wheel and gave it them at a speed of twelve knots. The six turns to starboard. At the same time machinery is of the best description, com- as I went into the wheelhouse the Captain birred with all the latest improvements for gave the order to let go the anchor, which efficiency and economy of fuel. The offi- was let go. He also gave the orders cers on board of the vessels are Euro eans. 'reverse' and 'full speed astern but the crews are Chinese. The latter the same time. I could not see the arrived about a fortoight ago, and went | wheel from where ! was on the bridge. straight on board their ships, which would don't know how the wheel was put when have sailed ere now but for the continued the order was given to starboard. All bad weather preventing the finishing touches | know is that I found the helm about amidbeing given to them. The cruisers will ships and gave it six or seven torns to attrform a squadron in charge of Captain Wyles | board. It takes about 14 turns of the as senior officer, commanding the Chuen- wheel to put it from hard a-port to hard a-Tigo: Captain George Heat, the next starboard so that the six or seven turns I senior officer, will command the Kai gave it would have put it about hard a starpan, and Captain Henry Barnes the Liskin. | board. The anchor was let go and the en-They left Newcastle on the 14th inst., gines had been reversed. When the order bassed Dover on the 27th, and put into was given to starboard it was repeated star-Plymouth for coal on the 28th. In the board. When I got down to the wheelnaming of the three new Chinese Revenue house the helmsmen were standing one on vessels a very felicitous method has been each side of the wheel and not moving it. adopted. Their names are Chuen-tiao, Li- I told them to put the wheel hard a star-Kin, and Kai-pan, which respectively are board and helped to put it over myself,

THE STRANDING OF THE S.S. . * ASHINGTON.

MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY

An inquiry was held at the Harbour Office to-day into the stranding of the s. 's. Ashington in the Sulphur Charinel on the 21st instant. Commander Rumsey, R.N., Acting Stipendiary Magistrate, presided and the other members of the Court were Staff Commander Buckner, R. N., Victor Emanuel; Mr Charles F. Preston, master of the s. s. Lombardy; and Mr W. H. Jack- to let go the auchor, which I saw done at son, master of the s. s. Tuisang. The let-Lunce. The ship's head was coming to starter of Captain Walter Reynell of the a s Ashington applying for an enquiry having did not go into the wheel-house and could

Capt. Reynell made the following statement :- I am master of the British steamship Ashington and hold a master's certificate, dated Hongkong, 24th January, 1884. We left Saigon on the 16th of April with a full cargo of rice and paddy. Our draught on leaving was 18.3 aft and 16.4 forward. We had fine weather till we made Gap Rock, when it became a little misty. That was at 8.35 p.m. on the 20th. I could see the land perfectly well. I saw Cape D'Agnilar Light. We sighted Green Island Light between 11 p.m. and half-past. It was about six or seven miles distant. entered the Sulphur Channel about midnight; the tide was then about 2 ebb and running strong to the southward We had about 45 lbs: of steam and were making 81 to 9 knots. The Chief Officer was at the forecastle head an the second officer was standing by the telegraph on the The means of communication setween the bridge and the mon the wheel is by means of a speak ing tube. From the upper bridge where I was standing. I could not see the wheel, but there was a tell-tale connected with the wheel. The second officer was standing where he could see the wheel. As I thought we were getting too near the land

Chinese, The order was repeated starboard from the wheel, but I could see by the tell-tale that they were putting the belm THE Overland Mail says :- Mr Goschen's to port_instead. I then gave the order Budget speech was a missterpiece of clear hard a starboard. It was repeated again exposition, and its su stance was an from the wheel, but I could see by the tellbusiness and finance which is usually con- when ordered the second officer to jump. nected in the minds of people to whom down and put the wheel to starboard. finance is an abstrace and difficult science The ship was then swinging across the with a race from whom Mr Goschen has the channel. At the same time I gave the repudiated any descent. We remember in | order to stop and reverse her full speed and the senior Bleichröder, who stands perhaps minute aft r I first gave the order to starthat he spoke with an admiration almost order to go to the whoel. The anchor was in the very highest branches of that diffi- it. When the second officer went down cult but very practical science. His con- he found the wheel nearly smidships. version scheme and the Budget must The ship struck immediately afterwards. immensely increase the great Berlin finan- We sounded and found the ship was making sponsible position of Chancellor of the compartment. We found deep water al which are almost, if not altogether, fired rockets, and soon afterwards the Po-That comprehensive survey of lice Launch came alongside and went to and political conditions, that brieg lighters. We discharged from 1.00 feoundity of resource, and keen, shrewd to 1,500 bags and at high water in the more admirable than the broad scope of his | butable to the quarter-master putting the glance at principles, and the eleverness with helm the wrong way. Shortly after the which, in a sentence or an epigram, he accident a steamer, passed us and we hailed auddently throws a flood of light or an ob. her, but got no answer. I don't know what soure point. It was a characteristic touch steamer it was. The orew consists of five when he mentioned that he had managed sailors, four quartermasters, a boatswain, to save 15,0001, a year by watching the and twelve fireman-all Chinese. The Euro-Treasury balances at the Bank of England | peaus were three engineers, two officers and

Invest. Previous to this occasion I have in accordance with the requirements of the found the Chinese quartermasters put the helm the wrong way. Sometimes I place of the Budget scheme may be open to an officer at the wheel to see that the orders criticism, but, taking it altogether, we do are carried out, but on this occasion there not know that there has been a Budget was no officer there. When I got to the speech in which the genius of finance was wheel, which was immediately after the ship more conspicaous. The genius of finance struck, I noticed that one of the quarteris certainly not genius of the lofticat I masters seemed as if under the influence of upium and smelled strongly of the drug. sampan capsizing. from the mere practical talent of finessin. My inference is that he had been smoking with figures, and skilfully handling economic opport before going on watch. When the details; and this genius Mr Goschen post ship was ashore I could just see Green Island Light. The man at the starboard side of the wheel was steering the ship.

Captain Reynell—The second officer was Commander Buckner asked Capt. Rey-

Captain Reynell said he was about abreast

By Capt. Preston-The Chinese quartermasters understand English suffic ently well By Commander Rumsey - The man who

John Cannon, second officer of the Ashing-

Says the Shih. Pap of the 17th inst :- It | interpreted, 'Additional Article,' Inland | They understood me and did what I told | ing with soundings on chart on the regular | I am informed or excellent anthority that | peror Frederick a comprehensive statement

as the ship was entering the charmal.

I could not see that at the time. John Jankins, chief officer of the Ashingtom, said-I hold a first mate's certi- and legs. ficate is ued in Hongkong, dated 12th

August 1886. On-the night the ship went ashore I was on the forecastle head. I had been there about a quarter of an hour. had been on deck from eight o'clock. When we were in the Sulphur Channel I heard the Captain-sing out starboard several times, and I noticed that the ship was not going off. I then heard the order board all the time after the order was first given. The anchor checked her a bit. not say how the wheel was. I could not see the wheel from the forecastle head. There are always two quartermasters at the

wheel. The four keep watch and watch. By Commander Buckner-I had the first watch. The second officer relieved me at twelve p'cluck. I left the bridge about on the bridge. I heard no order to port little later time. before I left the bridge.

port. It is not the special duty of important military posts in such case would wheel in coming in to port or going out. They take duty according to their turns. Wong Chu said-I am quartermaster on the Ishington. I was ut the wheel when the ship went aground The Captain gave the order to starboard and I put it to starboard. The examination of the witness. which had to be carried on in pidgin English there being nobody to interpret his native Shantung dialect, was proceeding very slowly and unsatisfacorily, and ultimately the aid of pantomine was called into requisition. On being asked to suppose that a chair was the ship's wheel, a window the bow of the ship and the opposite wall the stern, and then requested to show what he did when the order to starboard was giv-

The other quartermaster, Lam, Ki, said he was at the starboard side of the wheel while the other man was on the port side, and when the order to starboard was given they did starboard.

ent he demonstrated that he had been

standing with his back towards the bow

This was all the evidence, and after con-We find that the British steamship Ashington. (official number, 63010, of which

Walter Roynell is master, whose certificate of competency is number 19, issued at Hongkong) on entering the harbour on the night of the 20th April grounded on the West Point of Hongkong Island, in the changel named on the chart Sulphur Channel.

from the evidence-before-us-we are of opinion that the casualty was brought about Times. through the helm being put to port instend of s'arboard us had been ordered by the master.

hat with the exception of the master and officers the erow of the ship consisted of Chinese, and the quatermasters at the helm at the time of the accident were Chinese. The casualty occurred soon of watches had been made.

We are of opinion that no blame attaches to the Muster or Officers, though we consider that it would have been more changes :-prudent had the master, having in view the fact that he had only Chinese quartermasters at the wheel, stationed an officer there to see that his orders were carried out, also that it would have been betrer not to have allowed the change of men at the wheel to be made just as the ship was entering a narrow cha nel-The master's certificate is therefore returned to him.

Amoy.

Yesterday a fatal accident occurred which

At about 2.45 p.m. one of the sampans which ply between Kulungsoo and Amoy, a ferry boat, was crossing the harbour from Kulangsoo to Amoy with 8 passengers, and the sampan men. When they had reached the beacon rock, the sampan turned over, precipitating all on b ard Wilson Nicholi & Co., who happened to be near the apot in another samping and observed the accident, proceeded to the spot three of the men. Two more were rescued by two other sampans. Although the accident happened within 150 yards of Ling, tow Jetty, not one of the numerous sampans which were laying there went to the a-sistance of their brother sampan men. It is about time that the Chinese authorities put a stop to the overcrowding of these sampans, as they all carry from 8 to 16 persons across the harbour (and they are only about 16 teet over all, which in a strong ebb tide is highly dangerous.

THE LOSS OF THE S. S. SAN PABLO CAPTAIN REED'S STATEMENT.

this evening by the Ningpo, brings further Captain. Reed made a statewhich the following is a short extract :-'April 17th, throughout the twenty-four hours light variable winds from N. and E. with thick rainy weather and a heavy N. N. W. swell. Noon, ship's position by dead reckoning, 26° 39' N. Loog. 122° 59' E. Dist. 292 miles, course 867° W. magnetic. Rain throughout the afternoon and by 8 p.m. shutting in thick fog. II n.m. judging the ship forty-four miles from Turnabout Island bearing W. 4 S. commenced sounding, found 36 fath, mud. distance, allowed a few miles. Midnight sounded in 36 fath. mud; which corres. would be moved against the French fronponded with soundings on the chart tier. and ship's assumed position. I a.m. sounded 21 fath. und, considering the ship near enough in with the land, altered course to S. 45 W. Mag Formosa channel course 2 a.m. sounded 26 fath. mud, and at 3 a.m. ngain 26 fath. mud, which correspon-

By Commander Buckner-I left the wheel | baut, led to the firm belief that the ship was 'tainly cancer. This positive testimony, of the marriage. The result, according to the hard asstarboard when the ship struck. running down channel on a safe course, outweighs any amount of merely latest reports is that the marriage has been The Captain had not come to the wheel he having passed Turnationt Island. The regative results, but I presume the learned postponed for the present and that Prince By Capt. Preston -- I came on deck at N.E.; 16 minutes after the last soundings, i deakness of occasionally making a mistake. wheel came on duty at the same time, just mained fast, though the engines were rever- adverse opinion from a pathological point bert Bismarck will also resign. sed full speed astern immediately.

By Capt, Jackson-I could not see the ' It appears that shortly after the crew left | who have most closely studied the case as here to-night confirms the report that wheel from where I was standing on the an explosion occurred, probably the result practical physicians, that things may not Prince Bismarck is about to retire from the the King and Queen of Wittemberg, the bridge, I am of opinion that they must of spontaneous combistion among the coals | turn ont in badly after all. Threatened German Chancellorsion. have turaed the wheel the wrong way, but in the after bunker. Evidently a number of men live long, and certainly no man has looter was afterwards found minus arms Emperor Frederick. The proof that for the in the Cologne Gazette regarding Bismarck

TAKU ALWAYS OPEN. If Take could be kept open all winter to give free ingress and egress to steamships he whole term of the year, the Imperial Chinese Government would, particularly at the present transitional and critical times in Corea, be greatly relieved from pressing anxieties. At the beginning of last winter. for justance, it seemed to be possible that the foreign intriguers now in Scoul would have been able to seduce the King from his allegiance to his Suzerain, and, in that case as there is in the disturbed kingdom a continual strife of parties, all waiting for their opportunity; China, willingly or reluctantly, might have been forced to sund troops from the frontier camp at Hung-chun. and from the garrison of Chibli to occupy strategic points, and to suppress the forces that were making for anarchy first and ten minutes to twelve. I left the Captain foreign subjugation of the kingdom at a

It is true the comparat Fort Arthur and By Captain Preston-It is customary to Wei-hai-wei could have mint together perhave all hands on deck coming into haps 10, 00 or 12,000 men, but those two may of the quartermasters to be at the have been left unprotected until reinforcenents could have been forwarded to them from Taku in March at the carliest, so the risks run were great, and the dangers of the situation must have weighed reavily on the mind of the Vicerov Li. upon whom the principal burden of the responsibility falls.

If the Peiho mouth can be kept open

year would be neutralized. thicker ice formation than at Taku-are remain. how open to trade all the year round without the slightest interruption. The plan advantage would be immense, and at criti- without sufficient reason. cal times the fate of the Empire might de-

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

pend on the opening of the port .- Chinese

The O. & O. steamer Oceanic, Captain Motoalfe, bringing the Agierican mail with after midnight and just after the change dates from San Francisco to the 7th inst. arrived here this afternoon. The following telegrams are taken from Californian ex-

FLOQUET'S NEW MINISTRY. made nothing short of a triumphant en- intention of retiring from public life and trance into the Chamber. M. Flourens came in just after the Ministers entered. The Left cheered the new Cabinet heartily. M. Flouget and M. De Freychet came in together. The Deputies swarmed around the former to shake hands with him. M. De Relle, acting as speaker, read M. Flou- gave way to the Chancellor, and experience get's letter of resignation. The Prime has shown he was quite right. He knew Minister then mounted the tribune. While perfectly well that all so-called frictions and doing so he was obsered by the extreme | petty quarrels were nothing compared with left and Radical left. These marks of the loss which would be suffered by the sympathy made him turn quite pale. His withdrawal of Prince Bismarck. resulted in the loss of four lives through a voice was at first, in reading his declaration, low and husky, but it cleared and her as in the late Emperor's reign, but this came vibrating on the interruption of De- would not be sufficient reason for his Cassagnic, who asked why the Ministers withdrawal from public life at the moment were not introduced to the Chamber, since, when Germany is passing through a critiit had no idea who they were. The pay- cal period, in consequence of the death of ange was tremendously applauded; where- the late Emperor and the serious illness of on the Prime Minister said: 'We reckon his successor. The reason for suggesting

for support on the union of all Republic- such a course is that there is some idea of speakership was renewed to-day in the Alexander of Battenberg. This project Chamber. It has been the most interesting Prince Bismarck is said to oppose to the utof any election of the same kind during the most, on account of political reasons, as he third republic. Last night it was decided fears that it might have an unfavourable at a meeting of M. Ferry's friends that their effect on the relations between Russia and party must be up and doing to prevent the Germany. country from passing into radical hands. who had voted for Clemenceau, in order signing. that he might surprount the great difficulties attendin; his new daty. After some discussion the Chamber adjourned until the

BOULANGER SAYS THAT HE REPRESENTS. A GREAT PRINCIPLE. London, April 9 .- A correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette had an interview with Boulanger in Paris last evening in regard to his candidacy for the Chamber of Deputies from the department of the Nord and his reasons for not going there to conduct his canvass. He said that he was not like the ordinary candidates; he did not appeal The mail from Shanghai, which arrived to the electors on petry departmental quest be judged from a positical point of view. tions, but as a representative of a great principle. The principle he represented, bili y. The German policy has its root in details with regard to the loss of the San he said, was the revision of the Constitu- an endeavor to avoid anything that would tion. The Chamber of Deputies had been he likely to arouse the slightest inducement stricken with impotence, and no longer for suspicion, and in the Bulgarian question ment before the American Consul, of represented the people. In the dissolution Germany must, in accordance with the of the Chamber and the revision of the declaration made by Prince Bismarck in Constitution was the only rem dy for the the Reichstag remain a wholly unintersecret, which I shall keep to myself.'

GERMANY AND FRANCE. of France against Germany is being commented upon seriously in leading circles in this country. Papers such as the Post and the Cologne Gazette state that the ill humor of the French nation agains Italy does not come from the Government, for the French the chart showing 41 fath, in that posi, muthorities are quite capable of seeing that tion, concluded the ship had overrun the lat the first shot fired by France against Italy by sea or land, the guns of Germany

> FAVORABLE REPORTS REGARDING THE EMPEROR. London, April 3.-Though Professor Waldeyer's report on the disintegrated

weather very thick, with for, wind light at professor is subject to the ordinary human r Bismarck retains his position. of view, some hope is still felt among those

> BANQUET TO BISMARCK. Berlin, April 3 .- On Tuesday night at a dinner which the Chancellor gave on the anniversary of his birthday and which was attended by the Crown Prince, Prince Bismarck, after having epoken warmly of the late Emperor's great qualities, summoned the guests to drink with the same unanimity and love which they bad felt for hie father, the health of Emperor Frederick. of Prince Bismarck, compared the empire

The Crown Prince, in proposing the health with an army which had lost its commanderin-chief and whose first officer was seriously wounded. At this critical moment the Germans looked in anxiety and hope to the colors and their hearers, on which all depended, but in this case the bearer was the great Chancellor. 'He leads the way : him will we follow. Long may he live." Crown Prince added as he concluded his speech :- The Emperor has recovered from is slight indisposition of yesterday, which however, rather unfavorably influenced his general condition. Last night Russians. his sleep was but little interrupted, and today he feels much refreshed.

FOUR NEGRO-GIRLS SENT TO THE KING OF PORTUGAL. London, April 3.-The King of Dahomey throughout the winter, from the sea to the has considerably embarrassed the invalid Tang-ku pier, and access-given all the King of Portugal by sending him a present while to the Take dry dock, the physical of half a dozen negro girls, with a message I stancy, the Emperor and Empress Victoria difficulty that now prevents China from that they had been selected from the pret- had given reluctant consent which, owing taking action during three months of the tiest and plumpest dameels in his domi- to Bismarck's representations, has been nions. On reaching Lisbon these nymphs withdrawn. There have been designed and built were attired much after the fashion of the special vessels for keeping open ports Garden of Eden, but they have since been visit her daughter and granddaughter is hitherto closed by ice in winter, and during decorously dressed by order of King Louis. | viewed with alarm, as some demonstration the last ten years Christiania in Norway . They were first sent to the marine bar- of the undoubtedly popular dislike of the Gothenburg. Stockholm, and Malmos in racks, where they were kept for a few days | Empress and Queen mother is apprehended, I gave the order to starboard. There wore land that he had turned the wheel to the Sweden, Copenhagen in Denmark, and in a carefully gourded wing, but the ar- while her ardent advocacy of Battenberg's Hamburg in Germany (the last port being rangement caused both scandal and inconprovided with three vessels for the purpose) | venience, so they were relegated to a house -all these places have colder climates and in the botanical gardens, where they still

> BISMARCK WILL RESIGN. Berlin, April 5.—The Cologne Gazite's with applause. could be applied at a very small cost to telegram from Viouna states that Prince sultation the Court gave the following Taku, in fact one vessel could keep Taku Bismarck is about to tender his resignation the toast given by the Crown Prince to and Newchwang open during the whole to the Emperor. The State Chancellor's Bismarck at the latter's birthday banquet course of the year. The advantage to trade health is alleged to be the reason, but it is on the 1st of April. - The whole imperial would be great at Tientsin especially, as probable that a difference of opinion between family hope the Chancellor will be to the business will be vastly increased by the the Prince and the Emperor is at the root present what he was to the late monarch, railway, the first section of which is near of the matter. The statement, vague as it the Coffigno Gazette regards as evidence that completion, and the trading vessels would is, will not fail to cause a great sensation | Emperor Frederick will not consent to Bisgladly pay a fixed tonuage rate for the everywhere. Its first effect was a fall of marck's resignation. special service. The political and strategic stocks on the Bourse, and the alarm is not | The National Zeitung says the renewed

well-informed sources. There are good more than a grain of truth in the rumor. there is happily, a long way between inten- policy, can be arranged. tion and evert act, and German history of the last twenty years has shown us that | Paris, April 4. - The Ministry yesterday | Prince Bismarck has several times had the has given it up. The Chancellor has always used the throat of his withdrawal as a means of pressure in all cases in which there was a question of carrying out his plans, or of thwarting the intent on of his opponents. The late Emperor, in such cases, always

The Prince is not so unfettered in action au engagement between the Princess Vic-Paris, April 4.—The struggle for the toria, daughter of the Emperor, and Prince

Prince Bismarck had a long conference immediately and succeeded in rescuing Brisson had no chance, as he would have with the Empress to-day, and laid before offended the Bonapartists. Finally Meline, the Emperor a comprehensive statement who defeat d Clemenceau, was elected. On of all the possible consequences of such a taking his seat he said that he accepted the marriage. As a result it has been posttask in the interest of the country. He poned for the present. Prince Bismarck, requested the support of all, including the se therefore, has no reason to persist in re-

> Berlin, April 5 .- The ologne Goz-tle publishes the following: Great exciteme t prevails in diplomatic circles in Berlin over the possibility of the speedy resignation of Prince Bismarck because of the proposed marriage of Prince Alexander of Buttenburg and Princess Victoria of Prussin. Prince Alexander wishes to accompany Queen Victoria to Berlin as a sait T in Poland. for the hand of the Princess. The bearing of the reports is so serious that they cannot be passed over until the Bulg riant question shall have been settled by all the soon be publicly performed. powers. The projected marriage can only On this account marriage is an impossionly means of retaining the full confidence of opposing governments. That Berlin, April 4 .- The irritating attitude confidence would be disturbed in an instant if the Czar's most detested antagonist were to become a son-in-law of Emperor Frederick. The intelligence of the Prince is so highly esteemed that it is impossible for him to attempt the suit which would assuredly cost the German people their Chano ilor. Public bomion in Berlin is emphatically

in favor of Prince Bismarck. A strong affection has existed between the young couple since Prince Alexander's Visit to Berlin in 1885. The late Emperor New South Wales, has sent to the Colonial Stale. opposed the match, but it is believed Em- Office a dispatch urging the Government to peror Frederick, the Empress and Queen negotiate with China for the total suppres-Victoria look upon it with favor. Prince sion of emigration to Australia. He says

channel course, about 12 miles off Turne, it was to the effect that the disease is cor- in writing of the possible consequence of

London, April 5. - A dispatch received

people were killed, for the body of one over-been more threatened by doctors than authentic information that Sthe statement time being, at all events, his Majesty is do- is true. Emperor Frederick and Prince ing fairly well, is that Sir Morell McKenzio Bismarck disagree. The former desires to Many Ministers came a long distance to has at last been able to obtain leave of sanction the marriage of Prince Alexan- take part in the conference. It is supposed . He returns home on Tuesday der and Princess Victoria, while Bismarck next, but will probably have to make fre- bitterly opposes the union for state reasons quent flying visits to Berlin for some time The Queen's visit to Berlin, the Times says is connected with the matter.

BISMARCK WILL STAY.

Berlin, April 6. - Bismarck, at least for the present, has blighted a royal romance and pocketed his returned letter of resignation. Prince Alexander and Princess Victoria, like less exalted young people will have to be patient. I have verified both the rumor of Bismarck's resignation and the cause. Since the battle of Sliv nitza, out of which Alexander came a hero Princess Victoria has been pussionately at tached to the ex-Prussian guardsman, but in vain. Last summer, while stopping in Copenhagen together, the Prince of Wales interceded with the Czar m behalf of his niece Victoria and Alexander, whom he would half admire were he not a Battenborg. The matchmaker was unsuccessful 'What have you against him?' he inquird: Alexander is merely a prince without a position, and rover broads over the functed wrongs of Bulgaria.' 'Cet homms me deplait,' was all the satisfaction he could draw from the 'Little Father' of all the

Very little sympathy is felt here for quivering hearts sacrificed on the altar of political necessity. It seems to be admitted hat the logical result of the match would be a revolutionary explosion in the Balkan peninsula and perhaps_a European war. Touched by their daughter's love and con-

The coming of Queen Victoria here to suit is thought liable to cool the existing cordial relations of England and Germany. An unsympathetic editorial in the London Star wired here, that the Queen leave Berlin and the Battenbergs atone, is greeted

The following passage, which occurred in

efforts to obtain the consent of the Emperor The Cologne Guzette is not one of those to the marriage of his daughter Victoria to papers which opens its columns to all sorts | Alexander of Battenberg have not been of rumors. The journal has good connec- successful, and for this reason there are no tions with the Foreign Office and would longer any grounds for the secret conflict certainly not have published the statement | between Bismarck and the Emperor, and if it had not had good reasons for doing so. | therefore there is no question whatever of The Berlin papers do not believe in the Bismarck's resigning.

truth of the report. This view does not It is again affirmed to-night that Emagree with the information gathered from peror Frederick insists upon the marriage of his daughter to Prince Alexander. reasons, indeed, for believing that there is Doubts are expressed in well-informed circles as to whether the differences between Prince Bismarck has recently spoten of the Emperor and Bismarck, which are bohis intention to withdraw very shortly, but lieved to extend also to matters of internal

SHAM FIGHTH IN ENGLAND. London, April 3.—The purpose of the sham fights in Southern England yesterday was to test England's security against invasion. The result is not-very flattering, as the invaders were, technically, successful at several points, notably at Ports. mouth and Eastbourne. The invaders brought against the guns at Portsmouth. which have a range of 250) yards only. guns with 700) yards range. In view of Dilke's recent strictures on the military ostablishment, the official reports will be closely studied.

ROYAL VICTIMS OF SMALLPOX. London, April 3.-The Exchange Telegraph Company says: The annual smallpox epidemic in Shoa, a State of Abyssinia. has begun. Ras Muchak, heir to the throne, and three other members of the royal family have died of the disease. WRITINGS OF HENRY GEORGE.

London, April 6.-The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Rome says that in consequence of a recent letter from Cardinal Gibbons the Congregation of the Index Expurgatorius has decided not to condemn Henry George's writings. SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES,

Rome, April 6. - The Cabinet has decided to stop military operations in Africa during the summer. A special colonial corps will remain at Massowsh and the rest of the troops will return to Italy. OPPOSED TO BOULANGER

Paris, April 6.—Eleven members of the Radical Left have resigned as approtest against the action of the majority of the party, which refused to denounce General Boulanger's plebiscatory attempts. PRANCE AND THE VATICAN.

Rome. April 6 - The Pope has summoned Cardinal Lavigerie to the Vatican to consult regarding the policy of the French Cabinet toward the Church. CATHOLICS IN POLAND.

Rome, April 6. - The Pope will send Mgr. Mocenni to St. Petersburg to expedite negotiations with reference to Catholics. . THE SCARLET LETTER DRAMATIZED.

London, April 6. - Hawthorne's 'Scarle Letter' has been dramatized, and it wi GRINDA EVACUATED.

Rome, April 5. - General San Marsano commander of the Abyssinian expedition. telegraphs that Grinda and the whole adjacent plateau have been evacuated by the A NAVAL BEIG ASHORE.

· Loudon, April 5. - The naval bri ! Martin, mauned by boys, is ashore at Block House. evil. Being asked to explain the basis of ested party. As long as Bulgaria is in point, Portsmouth. Tugs are endeavoring his plan of revision, he said ! That is my question this course of action affords the to pull her off, but their efforts have thus far failed. O'BRIEN SUES FOR LIBEL.

Berlin. April 5. - William O'Brien has, begun suit against the Cork Constitution (Conservative) for libel, claiming 20.00 FOUR THOUSAND IRISH COMING.

London, April 5 - Four thousand Iris emigrants sailed from Queenstown to day

NO CHINESE WANTED.

London, April 5 .- Sir Henry Parkes, Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary of tissues discharged from the German Em. Bismarck has had a long conference with that the public feeling against immigrants | or den (wet). peror's throat has been kept strictly secret, the Empress and has also laid before Em- is becoming atronger throughout Australia.

VICTORIA IN ITALY. Florence. April 5.-King Humbert and Queen Margaret visited Queen Victoria at the Villa Palmiero to-day. They were received in the grand saloon by her Majesty. In the afternoon Queen Victoria returned Berlin, April 5 .- It is rumored bere bere belowing going to the Pitti Palace. She Her Majesty and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg will lunch at the Pitti Palace to-morrow. The Queen of Servia, Emperor and Empress of Brazil and the London, April 5 .- The Times says it has Duke of Leuchtenberg are also invited.

AN IMPORTANT CABINET COUNCIL, London, April 6.—A Cabinet council was instily summoned to-day by telegraph. that the subjects of discussion were the German crisis and the proclaiming of the National League meetings in Iroland. Lord Salisbury conferred for an hour to-day with Baron de Stael, the Russian Embas-

With reference to the Local Government bill. Mr Ritchie has consented to regard as separate counties all towns which had over 100,000 people when the last census

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CURRENT literature-Recipes for pud-Ir was the whale that first remarked,

Not for Jo-nah. THE reporter who writes for all space is not apt to be writing for all time.

BARBED wire is not popular in Kentucky unless it is in the form of a corksorew. THERE is a general complaint of the num-

ber of silver dollars. We have not joined AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY is approunced in the 'Paris Figure,' of a valuable reasedy for nervous debility, physical exhaustion. and premature decay. The discovery was made by a missionary in Old Mexico; it saved him from a miserable existence and an early grave. We learn that the Rev. Joseph Holmes, Bloomsbury Mansions, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.O., will send the prescription, free of charge, on receipt of a self addressed stamped anve-

Quotations HONGRONG, May 1. PIUM-New Patus, cash,.. 480/82 New Bertaros, cash, 475/761 caah. — New Malwa, cash... 550 Allowance, Taels... 32/56 Old Malwa, cash,... 570/80 Allowance, Tacls ... 24/48 Persian, Oily, cash 530 Allowance, Tuels... 16 Persian, Paper tied 540/80 Allowance, Taels... 16

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METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER. AT 4 P.M. TO-DAY. Barometer . . . 29.92 Tomperature . . . 80 Humidity 79 Direction of Wind . -Force Weather Hongkong Observatory, May 1, 1888. CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL

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The barometer appears to have fallen a little in the interior of China. Gradients are very moderate for S.E. winds over the China Sea and for N.W. winds over the Yellow Sea. Cloudy, warm and rather dry weather prevails in the South, while it is cold and wet in the North.

W. DOBERUK, Government Astronomer. Hongkong Observatory, May 1.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 82 degrees Pahrenheit, and to the level of the ses in inches, tenths and hundredths. 2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in depress, Fahrenheit.

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NAVAL AND MILITARY ITEMS. Captain May has been summoned to Whitehall to confer with Sir A. Hood, Senior Sea Lord, on the subject of the excessive draught of his ship.

The Porpoise, 6, cruiser, Commander R. W. White, which left Portsmouth on the 22nd inst., arrived at Plymouth on the 23rd inst., being delayed on the way down Channol by the fog, and with the torpedo boats put into Brixham. On the way up the harbour No. 36 torpedo boat came into collision with a collier off Keyham Yard, with the result that she bent two of her stanchions and received other damage. She left Plymouth on the 25th, on her voyage, The repair of the damage sustained by No. 36 was completed by the 24th.

No provision has been made in the Estimates for the 4th Battalion the Buffs (East Kent Regiment), and the battalion will accordingly be reduced from April ! 1888. This reduction will fall very heavily upon the quartermister of the battalion, Lieut, H. T. Garnett, who must of necessity be placed on half-pay. It will be all the more hard, because this officer only exchanged to the regiment in March, 1887.

The term of service of the Leander, 10. Captain Danlop, on the China Station, will expire at the end of May; no orders to return home, or for a new crew to be sent out, to recommission her at Hongkong, have yet been lasued.

On the 27 h inst. the Admiralty actified to Vice-Admiral H. D Grant, C. B., Super intentent of the Devenport Dockyard, their decision relative to the raid made by the Metropolitan Police a few weeks since on the copper-smiths shop at Keyham, which recently formed, the subject of a court of inquiry, over which Professor Elgar, LL D., Director of Dockyards, presided, Their lordships direct that Mr Vining, leading man in charge of the shop, who was suspend. ed from the first, is to be reduced to the grade of a workman and transferred to Portsmouth Dockyard. Rogers, the coppersmith, who was the only other him of the thirty-two at first alleged to be implicated actually suspended, is to be allowed to resume work. Another coppersmith, named Holmes, is to be discharged forthwith, and three other employes of the shop are to be suspended for two months, one month, and fourteen days respectively.

The Intelligence Department is completing arrangements for the approaching fleet evolutions on an unprecedented scale. The Channel first reserve coast mard training squadrons will all be combined with a strong flotilla of gun vessels and torpedo boats, and the Inflexible, Collingrood, Mercury, and other ships specially commissioned, besides several armed more lant steamers or cruisers. They will be divided into attacking and defending squadrons, the harbour ships having to provide crows up to war complement on short-notice, in order to test the scheme of maval mobilisation. Naval pensioners first on the list will be called out, and a ery arrangement made to practically test our readiness for .was.

A meeting was held at the Mineion House, on the 23rd inst., in support of the movement for erecting a memorial in the new cemetery at Brussels over the remains of the British officers and men who fell in the Waterloo campaign. The Lord Mayor who presided, moved a resolution pledging those present to use their best endeavours to raise the required funds. The Duke of Cambridge seconded the resolution, which was unanimously carried. Several subscriptions were announced at the close of the progradings.

The London and China Express says :-On the eve of the departure of H. M.S. Im. périeuse we may be permitted to refer again to a ship which through her career has been the subject of the most agrimonious language. Built of steel at Portsmouth, and copper-sheathed, she is of 8,400 tons displacement, and was completed in 1886. She has engines by Mandsley, of 10,000 I H P. Her Maesty's Mais, will be Paratched which proper her at a speed of 163 knots, from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, and her total cost was £430,0 0. She has 5th May, at Noon. a coal capacity of 1,130 tons, sufficient to propel her a distance of 7,000 knots, at a 4 p.m. ten-knot speed. It is this question of coul capacity that has produced all the criticism. With her full supply on board she is immersed far more than her designers intended, though from the experimental cruise she went last year this did not at all detract from her seagoing qualities. In fact, during the cruise and the one that succeeded the FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the Naval Review last July, the Impérieuse behaved herself extremely well, and was well riox Company's Office, Hongkong. spoken of both fore and aft. Captain May has now been ordered to the Admiralty to required to be declared prior to shipment. give his opinion on her recent cruise. Even if she may not be all that was anticipated gote the terms and conditions of the Comof her, she is yet a very fine vessel, and pany's Black Bills of Lading. will be a vast acquisition on the China | Passengers desirous of insuring their bag. Station in place of the present antiquated | gage can do so on application at the Com-Audacious, which may be comfortable pany's Office. enough as a home, but which cannot be relied on much for lighting qualities.

CHINESE IN TURKESTAN.

An abstract of a report on the Russian Central Asian province of Semirechinsk, on the Chinese frontier of Turkestan, drawn up by M. Krasnoif for the Russian Depart. ment of Agriculture, has been published by the Foreign Office. The abstract has been prepared by Mr. Arthur H. Hardinge. Ou the relative progress of Russian and Chinese colonisation the report states :- 'Sido by side with the Russian colonisation, M Krasnoff notices with regret the immigration of large numbers of non-Russian settlers. chiefly Dungans and Tarantchis, in whom he sees a serious hindrance to the rapid Russification of the country. These settlers, coming most of them from across the Chiness frontier, lower the price of agricultural products of all kinds, and, being familiar with the local system of irrigation, become dangerous competitors to the Russian peasants, who are thereby led to abandon their settlements, and wander off in the vain search for some new Eldorado south. Dungans, in fact, remind him of the German colonists of the South Russian Governments. of whom those regions have had so melancholy an experience,' and who 'have turned whole districts into little Germania.' Taking the district of Vernie, the most important in Semirechinsk, he observes that only the central portion of it is really Russian especially east of Vernie, the country has a purely Asiatic appearance. Besides corn. the population, whether Russian, Dungan, or Tarantchi, grow oats, barley, flax, millet, peas, clover, and opium, the latter being in special request with the settlers from China.

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Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until p.m. on the 8th May, 1888. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agesor's Office). Contents, and Value of Packages are required. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. For further Particulars, apply to

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Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

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To facilitate finding the position of any vessei in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven tections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong there k., and there in the lody of the.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections,

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings. 2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf, 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point. 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office. 9. From Kellett's Island to North Point, 4. From Harbour Muster's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office. 10. Kowloon Wharves. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 11. Jardine's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.

Flag and Date of Vessel's Name. Tonis. Caplain. Consignées or Agents. Destination. Remarks. Arrival. Ctoamers. Alwine 3 h Samuelsen Ger. 400 April 28 Wieler & Co. Hoihow, &c. Fo-morrow Ashington Reynell Brit. 809 April 20 Siemssen & Co. str. K'loon Dock Bonalder Brit, str. 1332 April 28Gibb, Livingston & Co. Chang sha 10 Williams Brit. str. 1464 April. 22 Butterfield & Swire Sydney, &c. 3rd inst. 618 April 13 Melchers & Co. Haiphong K'loon Dock Chingtu 5 c Arthur Brit. str. 1459 April 29 Butterfield & Swire City of Sydney 10 Smith Amer. str. 3016 April 27 P. M. S. S. Co. Sam Francisco ro-morrow Singapore To-morrow Esmoralda 11 Mottram Brit. str. 395 April 25 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. l'o-morrow Amoy & Manila O-morrov 852 April 28 Wieler & Co. Patent slip ***************** Freir Ban. Dan. str. 419 April 29 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Haiphong Co-morrow Frisia 10 Withycombs ... Brit. str. 2082 April 21 Russell & Co. Shanghai To-morrow str. 2244 May 1 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Glenshiel 10 Donaldson Brit. str. 2240 April 27 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Yokohama & Kobe To-morrow Lombardy 2 c Preston Brit. str. 1726 April- 23 P. & O. S. N. Co. Bombay, &c. 4th inst. Marcia 8 h Pennick Brit. str. 1060 April 30 T. kasima Colliery Agency Nagasaki Marie Ger. - str. 704 April 30 A. R. Marty Moray 10 Duncan Brit. str. 1411 April 28 Adamson, Bell & Co. Namoa 5 h Goddard Britz 826 May 1 Douglas Steamship Co. str. Coast Ports 339 April 27 Hop Hing Hong Oceanic 5 c Metcalfe Brit. str. 3808 May 10. & O. S. S. Co. San Francisco Pilot Fish 5 h Stopani Brit. tug. 161 Sept. 27 H. K. & W. Dock Co. str. 1400 May 1 Butterfield & Swire Prometheus 5 c Webster Brit. str. 1537 April 26 Butterfield & Swire str. 1387 April 27 Adamson, Bell & Co. Protos......Ger. str. 1093 April 30 Eduard Schellhass & Co. Saigon 4th inet. Recorder 5 c Madge Brit. 700 April 29 E. E. A. & C. Tel, Co. str. Taichiow 3 b Newton Brit, 862 April 25 Yuen Fat Hong str. Swatow & Bangkok To-morrow Taisang 11 Jackson Brit. 1505 April 28 Jardine, Matheson & Co. str. Calcutta, &c. 3rd inst. str. 2600 April SOP. & O. S. N. Co. Europe, &c. 5th inst. Triumph 4 c Moos Ger. 674 April 29 Wie er & Co. str. Chefoo & N'chwang To-morrow 512 April 29 Wieler & Co. str. Waiting 6 k Chang Shing ... Chi. str. 393 April 17 Master Salling Vessols Allie Rowe...... 6 k Phillips Haw. bg. June Antoinette 12 Bunje Brit. bqe. New York Eidsvold Norw. bqe. F. H. Drews 2 h Rothbart Ger. bue. 624 April 15 Melchers & Co. Howards wharf Haydn Brown 8 c Havener Amer. sh. 822 April 29 Butterfield & Swire H. Printzenberg3 c.AhrensGer. bqc. 550 April 17 Melchers & Co. Iris II Swan Brit.

Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

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Mount Lebanon 3 c Nelson Amer. bge. 530 April 16 Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Pactolus Burnham Amer. sh. 1145 April 20 Pustau & Co.

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Alcout	Russian gunboat	800	9,	14.	Captain Parenego	Nagasaki
ragon	Spanish cruiser	1908	10 10	_	Captain D. E. Zulnaga	Manila
spie .	· French gunboat	470	4	450	Commander Malapert	
urora	Austro-Hungarian cruiser	1430			Captain Franz Muller	Shanghai
ismarck	German cruiser	2800		-	Captain Kuhn	Whampos
obre	Russian cruiser	1100		-	Captain Menschicoff	Amoy
rooklyn	U. S frigate	3900	14	1200	Flagship of Admiral Chandler	Nagasaki Usasaki
rola	German cruiser	2100			Captain Aschmann	Hongkong
oniète.	French gunboat	475	4	450	Lieut. Commander Martel	Shanghai
mitry Donskoy	Russian frigate	6000			Captain N. Scrydloff	Quinhon
30X-	U. S. corvette	1375	6	900	Commander Jewell	Nagasaki
tis	German gunboat	489	_355	4	Captain Eickstedt	Kobe
itin .	French gunboat	485	4	425	Captain Neny	Amoy
arion	U. S. corvette	1900	. 7	1170	Commander Merrill Miller	Touron
Ottocacy	U. S. aloop	1370	6	1470	Commander H. Glass &	Chelmulpo
ordj j	Russian gunboat	455	17	60	Commander Moltaoff	Yokohama
autilus	German gun-vessel	755	4	600		Corca
yezdink	Russian cruisor	1330	9	250	Captain von Hoven	Zanzibar
nha	U. S. corvette	2400	12	1150	Captain Zarine	Naganski
O8	U. S. gunboat	420	6	500	Capt. Courtis	Corea
rseval	French gunbeat	724	-	7 -	LieutCom. Thomas Nelson	Yokohama
uvier	French gunboat	540		400	Captain M. Foret	Japan
manguet	French cruiser			420	LieutCommander Bonifay	Harphong
Lima	Portuguese gunboat	2200 540	15	2270	Captain Veron	Japan
nda	Russian cruiser		- 0		Captain Raphael d'Andrade	Macao
votch	Russian cruiser	3000		1000	Captain Th. Avellan	Melbourne
bal		900		1000	Commander Sucürieff	Corea
phie	Russian gunboat German cruiser	456	η,	60	Commander Boyle	Japan
jo	Dasterna Cruiser	2100				Nagasaki
renne	Portuguese gunboat		3	100	Lieut -Com. C. R. Caminha	Timor
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ries	French gunboat	480	4	425	ter in the second of the secon	Yokohama
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olf	Russian gumboat	_	4	Total 1	Commander Molehonsky	Vladrynstock
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WHAMPOA. str. Hongkong Ger. Kwang Lee str. Shanghai Peking Gor. Thyra-Ger. str. In port on April 21, 1888. Anglo-India Brit, bqe, Brit, bge. Ger. bqe. Chateaubriand Brit. bge. Ger. bge. Galveston G. H. Wappaus Brit. bqe.

Mary Steward Brit, bqe. FOOCHOW. in port on April 21, 1888. MERCHANT STEAMERS. Haeshin Hongkong Chinese Haitan British MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS. Brit. bae.

SHANGHAL in port on April 19, 18:8 MERCHANT STRANGERS. Abergeldie British Feecheu Chinese British Glenogle Chinese Haechang British Hydaspes Chinese Kiang-kwan Hankow, &c. Kiang-piau Chinese Kiang-yü Chinese British Kuling Chinese Kung-pai British Lockang British

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In port on April 14, 1888, MERCHANT STEAMERS. Alwine Seyd German Hideyoshi Maru Japanese British Tungchow British Wenchow British K'loon Dock Wuchang British MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS. Hak Lee Dan. bge. Span,

W. Siegfried Brit. bge. NAGASAKI, In port on April 18, 1888. Kozaki Maru Japan. bqe. Polar Star

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YOKOHAMA In port on April 7, 1888, Amer. bge. Arctic Amer. sch. Beatrice Brit. sch. Diana Amer. sch. J. E. Spence Brit. bge. J. & Winthrop Amor. bqe. Nemo Brit. sch.

Br. 3m. sch. Rose Thomas Perry Brit. bqe. MANILA. In port on April 17, 1888. Altona

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Nomad Amer, bge. Amer. boe. Xenia Amer. bge. HAIPHONG. In Port on April 22, 1888. MERCHANT STEAMERS.

French Annam Haiphong French Esmeralda British French Quang-nam BANGKOK. Boglinsoo Ital. bqe.

In port on April 8, 1888, Bua Ban Siam. bqo. Charon WattanaSiam. bqp. Dorothy Brit. bqe. Brit. Eagle Brit. bge. Hei-cheong Siam. bge. Long Hin Siam bqe. Siam

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